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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BRAZILIAN ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIAL,
CARLOS CELSO

REFERENCE: STATE 022926, BRASILIA 1021 (NOTAL)

1. CELSO VISITED WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 20-21, AND MET WITH
OFFICIALS FROM PAHO, STATE, AID, AND EPA. HIS PRINCIPAL
PURPOSE WAS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEMA CONFERENCE AND
DEVELOP PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH PAHO AND U.S. AGENCIES.

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2. CELSO SAID PAHO WILL ASSIST IN PROVIDING EXPERTS TO
CONFERENCE FROM UK, FRG, AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

AT EPA CELSO SAID HE SOUGHT MEANS OF CALLING ON U.S. EXPERTS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF BRAZIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EFFORTS. EPA ANXIOUS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE BUT FUNDING AND MANPOWER LIMITATIONS ARE RESTRICTIVE. EPA SUGGESTED CONSULTANT ARRANGEMENTS BE SOUGHT THROUGH PAHO. IN ADDITION, EPA SUGGESTED PRIVATE CONSULTANTS BE UTILIZED AND OFFERED TO RECOMMEND WELL-KNOWN FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS TO CELSO AS NEEDED.

3. RE AID FUNDING (PARA 3 BRASILIA REFTTEL), NO MECHANISM EXISTS WITHIN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BUREAU AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICE FOR SUPPORT. (AID AIRGRAM 731 REMAINS

IN DRAFT ONLY.) THERE IS NO CENTRAL AID FUNDING TO FINANCE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES WHICH DO NOT FALL WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF CURRENT AREAS OF CONCENTRATION. THIS POINT MADE TO CELSO DURING VISIT. STILL, AID WASHINGTON BELIEVES CELSO'S ACTIVITIES WORTHWHILE, AND HOPES THAT MISSION COULD FIND MEANS OF ASSISTING SEMA CONFERENCE.

4. TO THIS END, REQUEST EMBASSY MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH CELSO AS SHAPE OF SEMA CONFERENCE BECOMES CLEARER. INGERSOLL

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